

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and Remarks which follow are responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 9, 2004 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- 1) Figures 1-3;
- 2) Figures 4-6;
- 3) Figures 7-9;
- 4) Figure 10;
- 5) Figure 11; and
- 6) Figure 12.

The Examiner indicated that of the claims currently pending in the present application, independent Claim 30 is generic.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, the species of Figures 1-3 for initial prosecution on the merits. Consistent with this election, by this Amendment, Applicant has withdrawn Claims 38 and 39, and has canceled Claims 45 and 46. Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 30 (deemed generic by the Examiner) reads on the elected species, as do independent Claims 40 and 47. Claims 31-37 (which are dependent upon Claim 30), 41-44 (which are dependent upon Claim 40), and 48-49 (which are dependent upon Claim 47) also each read upon the elected species shown in Figures 1-3.

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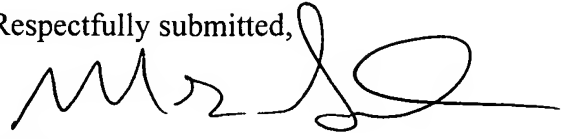
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